As soon as a complaint is received concerned Regional Passport Officer/Passport Officer is asked to furnish reasons for delay and to take action to redress the grievance. The pending complaints are due to non-receipt of information from applicants/other authorities and/or clear Police Reports for which PROs/POs are directed to issue periodical reminders.

Preaching of hatred against different religions through various publications

177. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for establishing a cell in his Ministry for taking action against writings and articles published in various journals, weeklies, periodicals and dailies preaching hatred against followers of different religions and attacking different religions and their leaders;

(b) if so, by when such a cell is likely to be set up; and

(c) whether Government propose to suitably amend the existing law to punish editors, writers, publishers and printers of such papers, periodicals and publications containing such highly inflamatory material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

Under the existing laws, State Governments alone are competent to initiate such action.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Crisis in Textile Industry

178. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a serious crisis in the textile industry even in spite of introduction of the new textile policy by Government; and

(b) what measures have been taken by Government to pull out the textile industry from the said crisis?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The overall textile production has gone up after introduction of the new Textile policy in June, 1985. However, the organised mill industry is experiencing certain problems arising out of demand recession for its production. Government have taken up this matter with the financial institutions, so that their working Capital requirements could be sorted out.

Violence by GNLF in Darjeeling

179. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent thirteen day Bandh call by the GNLF supporters demanding Gorkhaland, there have been large scale violence and arson causing extensive damage to the public and private property and completely paralysing life in Darjeeling and its surrounding areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any talks were held with the GNLF leader in this respect; if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) As per reports available there has been large scale